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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Administration

FROM:

Director of Information Services

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of UPI Report on Church Papers

1. I have transmitted the UPI report on the Church papers that I mentioned at this morning's staff meeting.

2. I decided to contact Steve Garfinkel, D/ISOO, to see what if anything he would be willing to do. After telling him what has been reported he said he would be happy to contact the University. He mentioned that he had a similar experience recently with the University of Maryland. I told him to do nothing yet until we reviewed the matter internally. What he would be willing to do is to contact the University, alert the University to the possibility that there is classified information in the Church holdings, and inform them that CIA would be willing to send out classification experts to review the material to see if a problem really does exist.

3. If, in fact, there is classified material in the Church papers, we will have to discuss a course of action. Garfinkel's preliminary view is that he should warn the University that the classified material must be safeguarded in accordance with security procedures. In the end, although it is unlikely, we could make the matter of protecting the classified information at the University or recovering the classified information a matter of court action.

4. Let me suggest that you discuss this issue with Chuck Briggs. If we are to go the Garfinkel route, we should consider at least alerting the Idaho Congressional delegation. They might really get ticked if they learn either directly from the University or otherwise find that Garfinkel has been talking to them on a matter of national security.

5. I await your advice on how to proceed.



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27 August 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:
Director of Information Services

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SUBJECT: The Church Papers

1. As authorized by the Deputy Director of Administration, I contacted Mr. Steven Garfinkel, Director, Information Security Oversight Office, on 27 August 1984. Last week I had sent him a copy of the United Press article, copy attached, and had a preliminary conversation with him on whether he would be willing to talk to Boise State University. He had agreed to do so.

2. I told Mr. Garfinkel that we were now ready to ask him to contact Boise State University for the purpose of discussing with officials there the possibility that Senator Church's papers might include classified information. If it seemed appropriate during the conversation, I authorized Mr. Garfinkel to say that we would send classification experts to conduct a review of the material. During our conversation, Mr. Garfinkel indicated that during his regularly scheduled meeting with his superior at the National Security Council, he mentioned our earlier conversation to Mr. Kimmit. Mr. Kimmit in turn suggested that Mr. Garfinkel alert Mr. Willard at the Justice Department. (I have since asked our resident attorney, to brief Stanley Sporkin, General Counsel; I also briefed the Chairman, SECOM, ICS.)

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3. Later in the day, Mr. Garfinkel called me to report the following:

- a. He made contact with the Assistant Librarian who is the Project Director of the Church Papers. The individual was not surprised to receive the call.
- b. The United Press article has already generated numerous requests for access from reporters and historians and the University was resisting these initial requests.

- c. The material is under a two-year seal as stipulated in Senator Church's Deed of Gift, but this limitation can be waived by the Senator's wife.
- d. Mr. Garfinkel's impression is that the University will be willing to cooperate but the Project Director will first contact his superiors--the University's Librarian and the President of the University. Only these three individuals are authorized access to the Church Papers. They will also be in touch with the University's legal counsel, suggested by Mr. Garfinkel.

2. The Project Director offered to send Mr. Garfinkel a copy of Senator Church's Deed of Gift and also a copy of the box and folder list prepared at the Suitland Record Center, at Senator Church's request. This material might give us some clues as to what the papers contain but the Project Director believes that the total collection includes some classified material.

3. Mr. Garfinkel's first contact with the University was a good one. He and I agreed that there is nothing we can do now until the material from the University arrives. We will examine it, and then decide where we go from there. As an add-on, Mr. Garfinkel indicated that an individual who was Senator Church's administrative assistant and who was directly involved with the Church Papers is now practicing law in the D.C. area. Mr. Garfinkel does not intend to contact that individual now but will probably do so once we have a chance to assess the scope of the paper and our concerns. I added that we were arranging to inform selective members of the Idaho Congressional staff.

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